

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 - 5, 7 - 11, 20 - 25, 26 - 29, and 31 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The Examiner also rejected claims 1 - 3, 5 - 10, 20 - 22, 24 - 29, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,838,682 ("Dekelbaum") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,278,704 ("Creamer"). The Examiner further rejected claims 4 and 23 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dekelbaum. The Examiner also rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dekelbaum in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,449,260 ("Sassin"). The Examiner stated that claims 12 and 30 are allowed; the Applicant sincerely appreciates Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Applicant has canceled claims 1 - 11 and 20 - 29 and 31.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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